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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (Original). A method of at least one of reallocating, upgrading and awarding admittance to events to an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a point of sale server operably connectable to the server, a point of sale system operably connectable to the point of sale server, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephones, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with an identification device;
- (b) updating an account associated with said identifier to reflect the request;
- (c) accessing the account by utilizing the identifier stored on the identification device at the point of sale system upon presentation of the identification device to verify the request;
- (d) admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request;
- (e) determining a predetermined time period associated with the event indicative of another event customer from event customers not attending the event in accordance with first predetermined criteria;
- (f) releasing an allocation associated with the another event customer and notifying at least one of the event customers that are at least one of currently attending the event and registered for said at least one of reallocating, reprovisioning, upgrading and awarding responsive to said releasing the allocation; and
- (g) accepting by at least one of the event customers said at least one of reallocating, reprovisioning, upgrading and awarding in accordance with second predetermined criteria.

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2 (Cancelled).

3 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said identification device comprises a memory medium for storing the identifier, and wherein said accessing step further comprises reading said identifier from said identification device with a reading device.

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Cancelled).

7 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving demographic information from the event customer.

8 (Cancelled).

9 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising generating at least one of a physical receipt, a confirmation, and an electronic confirmation with at least one of the identification device and the point of sale server.

10 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating at least one of a physical receipt, a confirmation, and an electronic confirmation with at least one of the identification device and the point of sale server, and the at least one of the physical receipt, the confirmation, and the electronic confirmation comprises at least one of reserved seating and purchase information.

11 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said second predetermined criteria includes the event customer willing to pay at least one of a predetermined price and the highest price, and wherein said method further comprises the step of billing the event customer in at least one of real-time or at a later time for said at least one of reallocating, reprovisioning, upgrading and awarding in accordance with the second predetermined criteria.

12 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said releasing an allocation associated with the another event customer and said notifying at least one of the event customers that are at least one of currently

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attending the event and registered for said at least one of reallocating, reprovisioning, upgrading and awarding is performed in accordance with a predetermined algorithm.

13 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein the first predetermined criteria includes at least one of agreement with one or more of the event customers, the event customer not providing notice of non-attendance a first predetermined time period prior to the event, the event customer not providing notice of non-attendance a second predetermined time period after start of the event, the event customer leaving the event early, and other predetermined criteria.

14 (Original). A method of upgrading and awarding admittance to events to an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a point of sale system, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals to and from said server, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with an identification device;
- (b) processing the request including accessing an account by utilizing the identifier stored on the identification device at the point of sale system upon presentation of the identification device to verify and process the request, and updating a database indicating that the request was processed;
- (c) admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request;
- (d) determining a predetermined time period associated with the event indicative of at least one other event customer not attending the event in accordance with first predetermined criteria;
- (e) releasing an allocation associated with the at least one other event customer and notifying at least one of the event customers that are at least one of currently attending the event, previously submitted a request to attend the event and registered for the event to perform said at least one of upgrading and awarding responsive to said releasing the allocation; and

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(g) accepting by the at least one of the event customers said at least one of upgrading and awarding in accordance with second predetermined criteria.

15 (Currently Presented). A method of upgrading and awarding admittance to events to an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a point of sale system, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals to and from said server, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event comprising at least one ticket to utilize at least one seating location associated with the at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with the event customer;

(b) admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request, and updating a database indicating that the request was processed and that the event customer is currently checked into the at least one event and is utilizing the at least one seating location;

(c) determining first predetermined criteria associated with the event indicative of at least one other event customer not attending the event and not using at least another seating location;

(d) releasing an allocation associated with the at least another seating location and the at least one other event customer responsive to said determining step, and notifying at least another of the event customers to perform said at least one of upgrading and awarding responsive to said releasing the allocation and responsive to the processing of profile information, and notifying the at least another event customer via the at least one wireless device; and

(e) accepting by the at least another of the event customers said at least one of upgrading and awarding to utilize the at least another seating location to be utilized at the least one event in accordance with second predetermined criteria;

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(f) transmitting a confirmation to the at least one wireless device of the at least another event customer to be used by the at least another event customer to utilize the at least another seating location; and

(g) presenting, by the at least another event customer, at least one of the confirmation and another ticket associated with a previous seating location, to identify and utilize the at least another seating location.

16 (Currently Presented). A system to upgrade and award admittance to events to an event customer, said system comprising:

a server comprising a processor and a memory medium, said server connected to a data communication network, said memory medium containing instructions for controlling said processor, wherein said processor receives a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with the event customer comprising a wireless identifier associated with the wireless device and an Internet Protocol (IP) address, updates a database indicating that the request was processed, determines first predetermined criteria associated with the event indicative of at least one other event customer not attending the event, releases an allocation associated with the at least one other event customer responsive to said determining step, and notifies at least another of the event customers to at least one of upgrade and award the at least another of the event customers with the allocation, and transmits a confirmation to the at least one wireless device of the at least another event customer to be used by the at least another event customer for the at least another seating location; and

a plurality of wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals to and from said server, including accepting by the at least another of the event customers said at least one of the upgrade and award for the reallocation via at least one of said wireless devices, and presenting, by the at least another event customer, at least one of the confirmation and another ticket associated with a previous seating location, to identify and utilize the at least another seating location.

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17 (Original). A system for upgrading and awarding admittance to events to an event customer, said system comprising:

means for receiving a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with the event customer;

means for admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request, and updating a database indicating that the request was processed;

means for determining first predetermined criteria associated with the event indicative of at least one other event customer not attending the event;

means for releasing an allocation associated with the at least one other event customer responsive to said determining step, and notifying at least another of the event customers to perform said at least one of upgrading and awarding responsive to said releasing the allocation; and

means for accepting by the at least another of the event customers said at least one of upgrading and awarding in accordance with second predetermined criteria.

18 (Previously Presented). A method of dynamically at least one of allocating, upgrading and awarding admittance to events to an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a point of sale server operably connectable to the server, a point of sale system operably connectable to the point of sale server, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephones, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a communication from the event customer, the communication including a request to obtain admittance to at least one event, the communication also including an identifier associated with an identification device;

(b) updating an account associated with said identifier to reflect the request;

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- (c) at least one of accessing and verifying the account by utilizing the identifier stored on the identification device at the point of sale system upon presentation of the identification device to verify the request;
- (d) admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request;
- (e) determining an available allocation associated with the event and notifying at least one of the event customers that are at least one of currently attending the event, and registered for at least one of allocating, provisioning, upgrading and awarding responsive to said determining the available allocation; and
- (f) accepting by at least one of the event customers said at least one of allocating, provisioning, upgrading and awarding in accordance with predetermined criteria.

Claims 19-26 (Canceled).

27 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 18, wherein said predetermined criteria includes the event customer willing to pay at least one of a predetermined price and the highest price, and wherein said method further comprises the step of billing the event customer in at least one of real-time or at a later time for said at least one of allocating, provisioning, upgrading and awarding in accordance with the second predetermined criteria.

28 (Currently Presented). A method of dynamically communicating with an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a communication server operably connectable to the server, a communication system operably connectable to the communication server, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals, said method comprising at least one of the sequential, non-sequential and sequence independent steps of:

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- (a) at least one of transmitting to and receiving from, at least one wireless device of the event customer a communication including a request for at least one of a movie ticket, a sporting event ticket, a concession, a service, an offer, an entertainment service and merchandise, the communication also including an identifier associated with at least one of the event customer and an identification device used by the event customer;
- (b) at least one of accessing and updating an account associated with said event customer responsive to the request;
- (c) at least one of accessing and verifying the account by utilizing the identifier optionally at the point of sale system upon communication with the identification device to verify the request;
- (d) optionally admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request;
- (e) determining an available response associated with the request and the event and notifying at least one of the event customers that are at least one of currently attending the event, the available response comprising another communication responsive to the request to the at least one of the event customers and responsive to said step (a) of said at least one of transmitting to and receiving from, the event customer the communication including the request; and
- (f) at least one of accepting and participating by the at least one of the event customers using the wireless device in receiving said at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise.

29 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users for additional communications including additional requests for at least one of additional movie tickets, additional sporting event tickets, additional concessions, additional services, additional offers, additional entertainment services and additional merchandise

30 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via at least one of an announcement, manually, wireless device, mobile telephone, and bulletin board.

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31 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising at least one of patron satisfaction communication, additional revenue, additional advertising, and advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device.

32 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device.

33 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, wherein said step (a) at least one of transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer, further comprises the step of transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer the communication including the request for at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise, via a short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

34 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising.

35 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of registering by the event customer, and the event customer providing targeted marketing information including age and interests and compiling information for advertising and marketing services, and receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising.

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36 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of registering by the event customer, and the event customer providing information and compiling information for advertising and marketing services; processing the information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer targeted communications to the event customer allowing a sponsor to leverage user and market information to create the targeted communications comprising at least one of an advertisement, additional information, direct marketing and focused advertising.

37 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device.

38 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device, and downloading at least one of instructions and location related information for the event customer to go to a location associated with the communication.

39 (Currently Presented). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device, and downloading at least one of instructions and location related information for the event customer to go to a location associated with the communication, including directions using a global positioning system in combination with the wireless device.

40 (Currently Presented). A method of dynamically communicating with an event customer via a data communication network, said data communication network optionally comprising a server, workstations operably connectable to said server, one or more databases operably connectable to said server and said workstations, said workstations optionally including a web browser interface facilitating communication with said server, a communication server operably connectable to the server, a communication system operably connectable to the communication server, and wireless devices operably connectable to said server, said wireless devices including at least one of a smart card, a personal digital assistant, a mobile telephone, and a mobile data device, said wireless device comprising at least one of transmitting and receiving means and transceiver means for receiving and transmitting signals, said method comprising at least one of the sequential, non-sequential and sequence independent steps of:

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(a) processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device via a short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device;

(b) at least one of transmitting to and receiving from, via the short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device, at least one wireless device of the event customer a communication including a request for at least one of a movie ticket, a sporting event ticket, a concession, a service, an offer, an entertainment service and merchandise, the communication also including an identifier associated with at least one of the event customer and an identification device used by the event customer;

(c) at least one of accessing and updating an account associated with said event customer responsive to the request;

(d) at least one of accessing and verifying the account by utilizing the identifier optionally at the point of sale system upon communication with the identification device to verify the request;

(e) optionally admitting the event customer at the point of sale system after verification of the request;

(f) determining an available response associated with the request and the event and notifying at least one of the event customers, the available response comprising another communication responsive to the request, via the short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device, to the at least one of the event customers and responsive to said step (b) of said at least one of transmitting to and receiving from, the event customer the communication including the request;

(g) at least one of accepting and participating by the at least one of the event customers using the wireless device in receiving said at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise via the short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device; and

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(h) generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the at least one event customer via the wireless device via the short message text service (SMS) communication that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

41 (New). The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer the communication including the request for at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise, via at least one of a short message text service (SMS) communication, bluetooth, and a wireless communication comprising an identifier associated with the wireless device and an Internet Protocol (IP) address that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device;

receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

registering by the event customer, and the event customer providing targeted marketing information including age and interests and compiling information for advertising and marketing services, and receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising at least one of patron satisfaction communication, additional revenue, additional advertising, and advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device;

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polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users for additional communications including additional requests for at least one of additional movie tickets, additional sporting event tickets, additional concessions, additional services, additional offers, additional entertainment services and additional merchandise.

42 (New). The method of claim 14, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer the communication including the request for at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise, via at least one of a short message text service (SMS) communication, bluetooth and a wireless communication comprising an identifier associated with the wireless device and an Internet Protocol (IP) address that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device;

receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

registering by the event customer, and the event customer providing targeted marketing information including age and interests and compiling information for advertising and marketing services, and receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising at least one of patron satisfaction communication, additional revenue, additional advertising, and advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device;

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polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users for additional communications including additional requests for at least one of additional movie tickets, additional sporting event tickets, additional concessions, additional services, additional offers, additional entertainment services and additional merchandise.

43 (New). The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users to determine whether additional seats have been made available, and if additional seats have been made available, then adding the additional seats to a list of available seats for said method of dynamically at least one of allocating, upgrading and awarding admittance to the events to the event customer.

44 (New). The method of claim 15, further comprising at least one of the steps of:

transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer the communication including the request for at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise, via at least one of a short message text service (SMS) communication, bluetooth and a wireless communication comprising an identifier associated with the wireless device and an Internet Protocol (IP) address that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

generating an electronic confirmation and transmitting the electronic confirmation to the wireless device;

receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

registering by the event customer, and the event customer providing targeted marketing information including age and interests and compiling information for advertising and marketing services, and receiving demographic information from the event customer; processing the demographic information; transmitting to the at least one wireless device of the event customer at

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least one of an advertisement, additional demographic information, direct marketing and focused advertising;

processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising at least one of patron satisfaction communication, additional revenue, additional advertising, and advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device;

polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users for additional communications including additional requests for at least one of additional movie tickets, additional sporting event tickets, additional concessions, additional services, additional offers, additional entertainment services and additional merchandise.

45 (New). The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of:

transmitting to and receiving from, the at least one wireless device of the event customer the communication including the request for at least one of the movie ticket, the sporting event ticket, the concession, the service, the offer, the entertainment service and the merchandise, via at least one of a short message text service (SMS) communication, bluetooth and a wireless communication comprising an identifier associated with the wireless device and an Internet Protocol (IP) address that at least one of are displayed on and notify the wireless device upon receipt from the wireless device.

registering by the event customer, processing customer profiles in accordance with predetermined criteria, and determining responsive to the processing of the customer profiles event customers to be notified via the at least one wireless device, and notifying the event customers responsive to the customer profiles comprising at least one of patron satisfaction communication, additional revenue, additional advertising, and advertising sponsorship for advertising on the wireless device; and

polling the wireless devices of a plurality of users for additional communications including additional requests for at least one of additional movie tickets, additional sporting event tickets,

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additional concessions, additional services, additional offers, additional entertainment services and additional merchandise.